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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of, and the calculation of the filing fee for, the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 9, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "any one of claims 7 to 11" to --claim 10--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "any one of claims 5 to 12" to --claim 10--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "claim 8 or"

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